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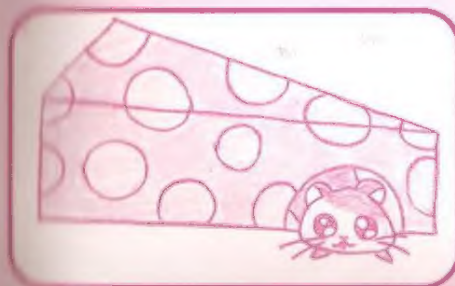
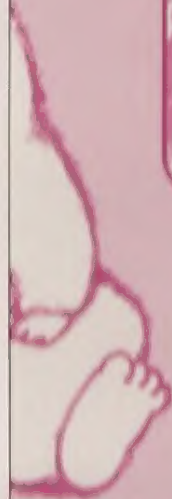


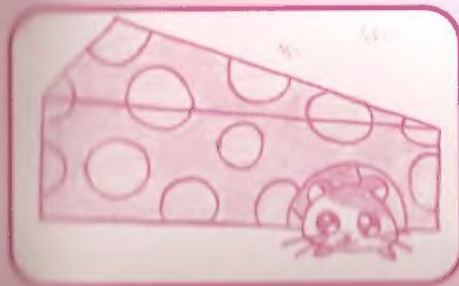
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Hamtaro creator Ritsuko Kawai was born in Osaka, Japan. She received a design degree from Kyoto Saga University of Arts. After graduation, she set out to Tokyo to seek her fortune as a comic-book artist.

Since 1997, Ms. Kawai's Hamtaro stories have been serialized in *Shogaku Ni Nensei*, a magazine for Japanese school-children published by Shogakukan. The animation series based on her Hamtaro books has been on the air in Japan since 2000, and began broadcasting in English in the United States in July of 2002. Her Hamtaro books have sold over 6 million copies in Japan.





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THE STORY THUS FAR...

This is the tale of a hamster who can understand people...most of the time.

One day, the hamster was taken away from his mother.



The hamster was put into a little box and taken to live with somebody else.

He was brought to the home of a little girl named Yukari.
(Pronounced "Yoo-KAH-ree.")

That was the first day of the hamster's new life!

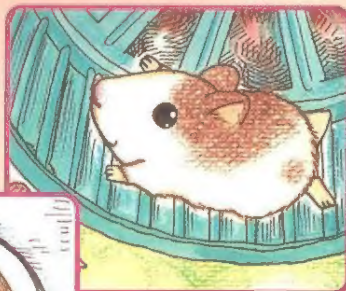




Yukari named the hamster "Hamtaro."



Hamtaro moved into a little house in a nice cage, and he and Yukari became good friends. Hamtaro was happy.



He was so happy that...

...he hardly ever missed his mother and all his brothers and sisters.



To find out more, read *The Adventures of Hamtaro Vol. 1: A Home For Hamtaro & Other Stories!*



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Yukari's Diary

Sometimes
Yukari sits still
at her desk for
a long time.

What is
she doing?

I have no idea. But
the top of her desk is
a fun place to play!

Dear Diary,

Hamtarō fits in my
hands. He's so-o-o
cute!



Dear Diary,

Hamtarō is running in
his wheel. It's night-
time, so Papa keeps
yelling, "Stop that
racket!"



Dear Diary,

Today Hamtarō chewed
up a curtain. Mama got
mad, but then she
forgave him and gave
him a baby
carrot.



Dear Diary,
There are lots of cute hamsters at the pet store. But I think Hamtaro is the cutest.



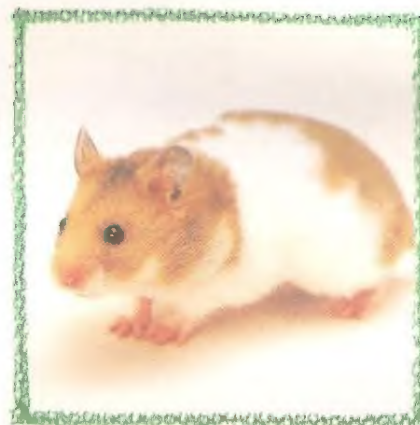
Dear Diary,
Sometimes Hamtaro plays with my toys.



Dear Diary,
Hamtaro likes tunnels. He'll even go into the center of a toilet paper roll!



Dear Diary,
I asked the woman at the pet store what hamsters eat. She told me they eat a lot of different things.



BROCCOLI



CABBAGE



CARROT



CORN



CUCUMBER



PUMPKIN



NUTS



SUNFLOWER SEEDS



HAMSTER PELLETS



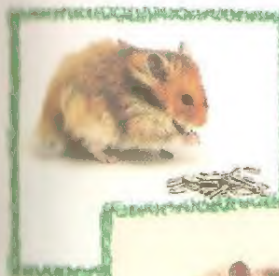
NO CANDY & CHOCOLATE



NO GARLIC



NO CHIVES & ONION



Dear Diary,
Hamtaro keeps hiding sunflower seeds in his cheeks!



Dear Diary,

There are many different types of hamsters. Hamtaro is a Golden Hamster. My friend has a Siberian Hamster.



Chinese Hamster



Siberian hamster



Golden Hamster



Longhaired Golden Hamster



Roborovski Hamster



Campbells Hamster



A BOX FULL OF HAMSTERS



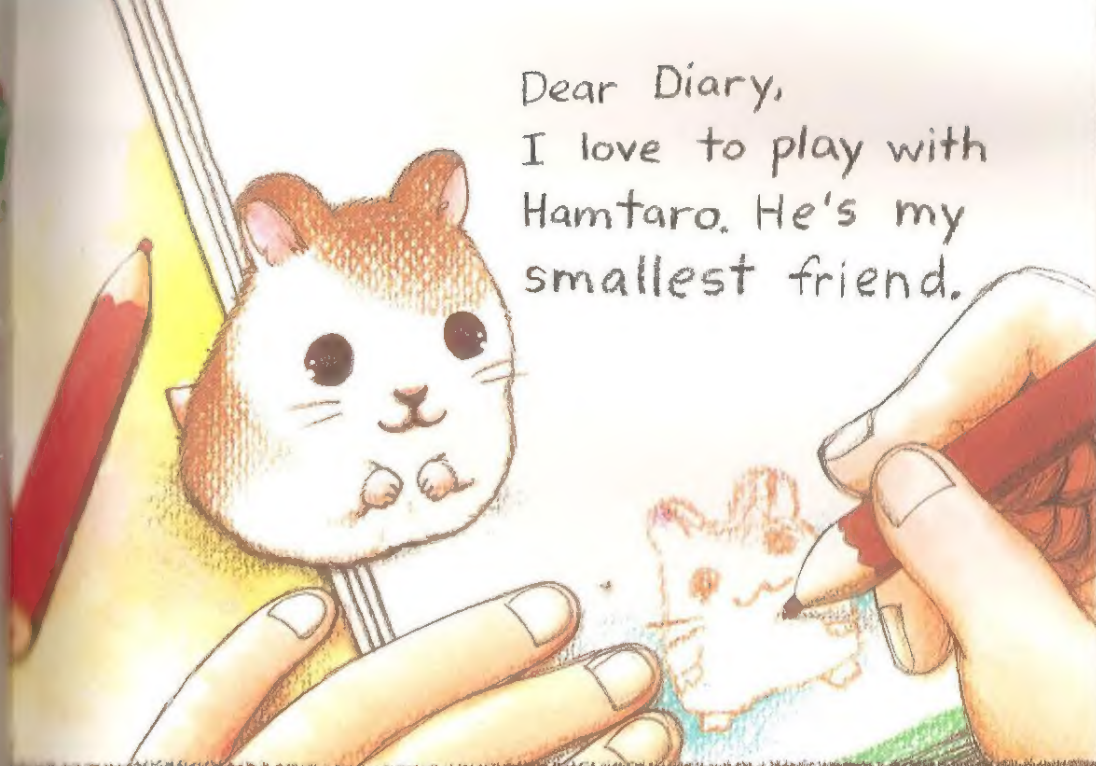
BABY HAMSTERS



A PILE OF HAMSTERS

Dear Diary,

I love to play with Hamtaro. He's my smallest friend.



KRMP KRMP



PACKA-PACKA

NO,
HAMTARO!
STOP!

I love to
play with
Yukari!

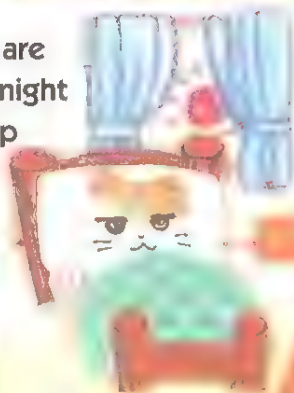


START



Get to the end of the maze by correctly answering every question. If your answer is "Yes," follow the →. If your answer is "No," follow the ⇨. Test your knowledge of hamsters!

Hamsters are awake at night and asleep during the day.



Hamsters are good swimmers.

Hamsters like to live alone, so you shouldn't keep more than one in a cage.

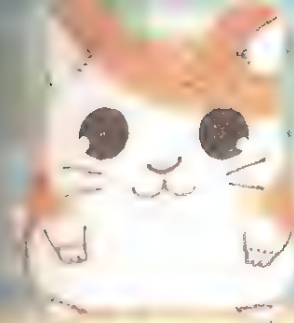
Hamsters have pockets in their cheeks.



It's all right to feed hamsters nothing but sunflower seeds.



30 points!
Not bad!



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW HAMSTERS?

Hamsters don't have tails.

Hamsters' teeth grow throughout their life, so they wear them down by chewing on hard things.

Wild hamsters dig and live in tunnels. That's why they love small enclosed spaces.♥

Hamsters only have one baby at a time.

50 points!
Pretty good!

Wild hamsters hibernate in winter.

100 points!
You're a hamster expert!





A Friendly Visit

Yukari invited
a friend over!



What will he
be like?



I'm a little
nervous! ♥



I'm a little
excited,
too!



HAMTARO,
MEET CHIRO!

One day, Yukari's friend asked her
to pet-sit.



At first, Chiro and I just
stared at each other.

Chiro was nervous,
because he was in
a new place.



CHI!



GROOBA!

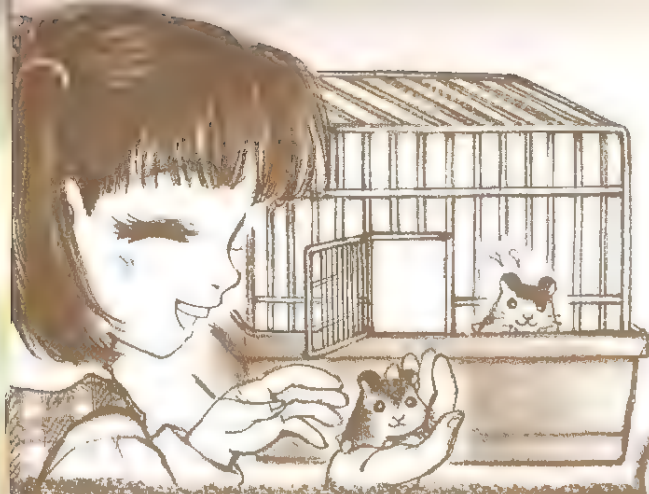
GROOBA!

OOPAA!

OOPAA!



I kept an eye
on him.



"You two are going to be great friends," said Yukari.

Then she brought Chiro over to my cage!

"Go away!"

Hamsters are territorial.

This house is my house!

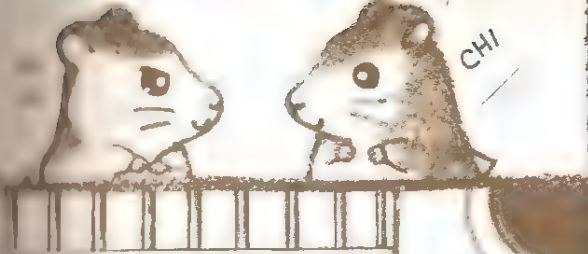
And those sunflower seeds are my sunflower seeds!

I hid them myself!

They're mine, all mine!

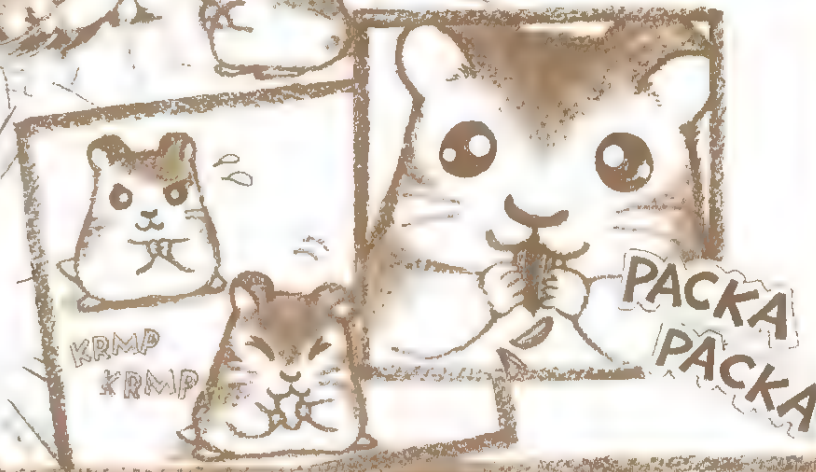
And that's my potty, too!

Everything in this cage belongs to me!



What if Chiro swipes my stuff!?

Chiro ate my sunflower seed!!



I'll never forgive you for that!

I was so mad, I
ran and ran and
ran and ran and
ran on my wheel!

WHIZ

WHIZ

WHIZ

WHIZ

I tried to think
things through...

Fighting is wrong.

*Poor Chiro is in a
strange place.*

*He's probably just
scared.*

WHIZ

*So I should be nice to him.
And share my toys.*

WHIZ

WHIZ

WHIZ

After a while,
Chiro and I curled
up together and
fell asleep.



...when
Chiro's
girl came
to pick
him up.

We were sharing a
carrot stick...



I was all alone again.

When Chiro was here, my cage felt too small. But now that he's gone, my cage feels too big!



Is this what "lonely" means?

I remembered the day I came to live with Yukari and had to sleep alone for the first time.



SNUFFLE
SNUFFLE



HIF HIF



SNIFF
SNIFF



My cage still smelled a little like Chiro.

I hope he comes over to play again soon! ♥

Next time I'll give him two sunflower seeds!

HI!





We hamsters hide our favorite foods in our bedding and dig them up whenever we're hungry for a snack.♥



Hamtarō Gets a Tummy-Ache

I noticed it as soon as I woke up.

My stomach felt funny.

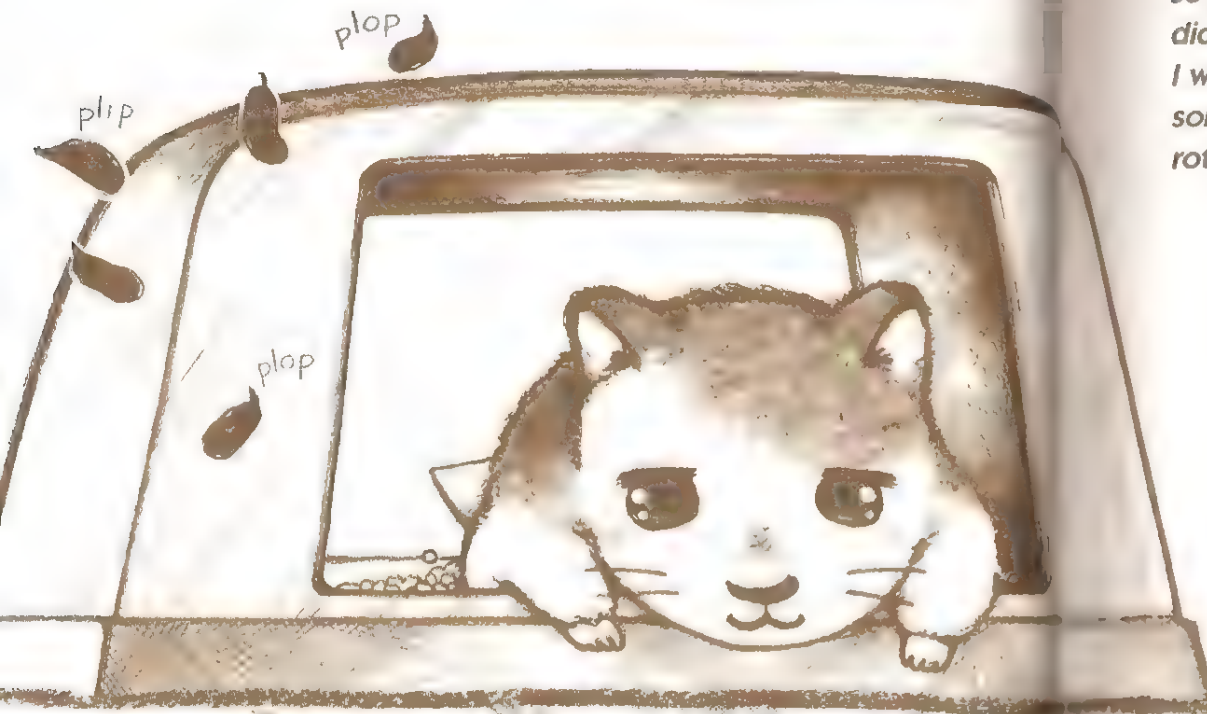


When I used the potty, my droppings weren't hard and round as usual.

I knew something wasn't right!

What's wrong with my tummy?

Did I eat something bad?



I eat cabbage, cheese, and sunflower seeds.

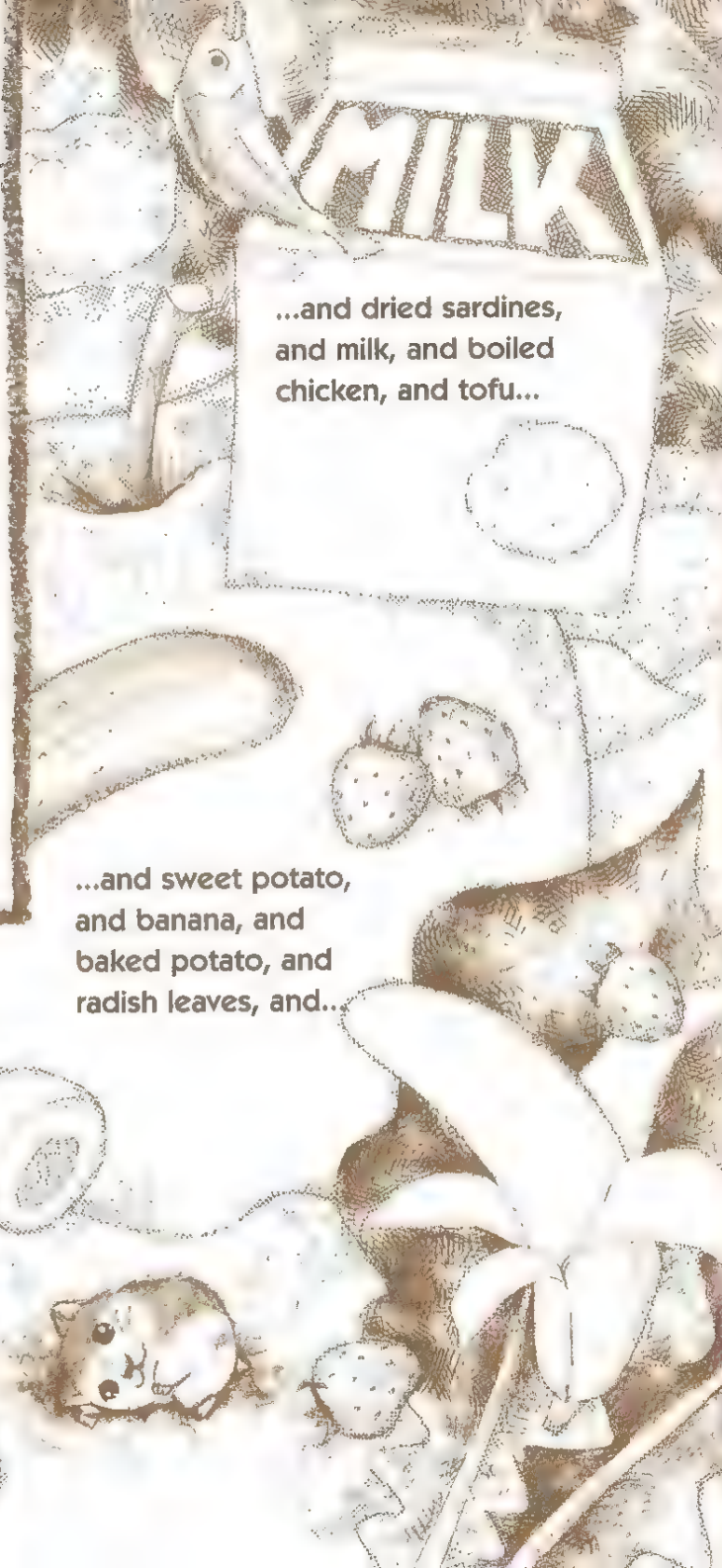
And corn, and carrots, and tomatoes, and cucumbers, and green peas...

*I love to eat!
Maybe I ate so fast that I didn't notice I was eating something rotten...*

...and dried sardines, and milk, and boiled chicken, and tofu...

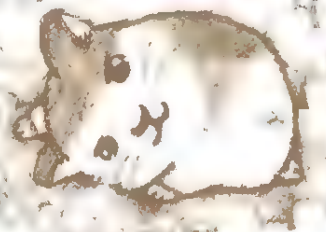
...and sweet potato, and banana, and baked potato, and radish leaves, and...

...hardboiled egg, apples, strawberries, oranges...



What am
I doing!?

This won't help me
figure out why I've
got a tummy-ache this
morning!



CABBAGE
CHEESE

I've got to
concentrate...

SUNFLOW

"Hamtaro?"

I turned to see who called my name.
It was Yukari. She looked worried.

"What's wrong, Hamtaro?"

I give up! I
can't figure
it out!



"Don't you want to come
out and play today?"

When Yukari saw that I
wasn't feeling good, she
gave me a hamster biscuit.
Lucky me!

Chow time! ♥



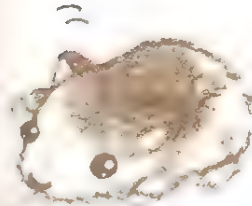
What am I
thinking!?



I have a
tummy-ache!



Did the cold give me
a tummy-ache?



I curled up
into a warm
ball and slept.

The next day, my
droppings were
hard and round
again, as usual.



I'll go back
to my house
and take a
nap instead.

I can eat this
hamster biscuit
after my
tummy-ache
goes away.

GRUMBLE



It was cold,
and the cold
made me
sleepy. After
a while, my
eyes closed.

HAMHA



I feel
better! ♥

Now, where'd
that yummy
hamster
biscuit go...!?



Hamtaro's Christmas Present

One winter day, Yukari
was very merry.

I had no idea why.

There were so many toys lying
around that I hardly recognized
the place. I ran here and there
and everywhere, but Yukari kept
getting in my way and shouting,
"No, Hamtaro! Don't touch!"



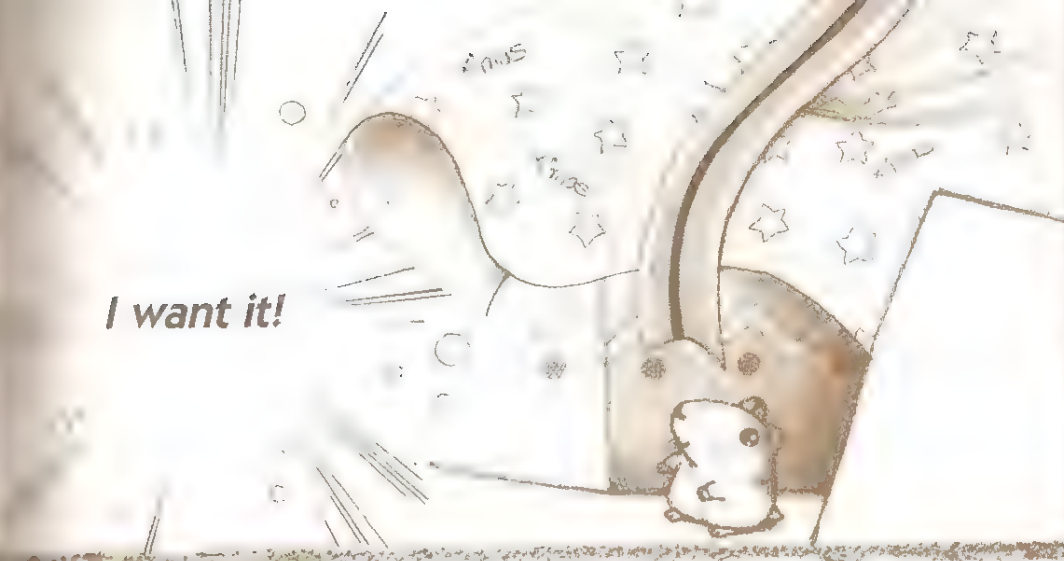
But I
wanted
to play!



I slipped out of Yukari's fingers
and hid in a corner. I found a very
interesting piece of cloth there....

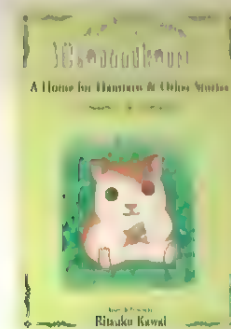
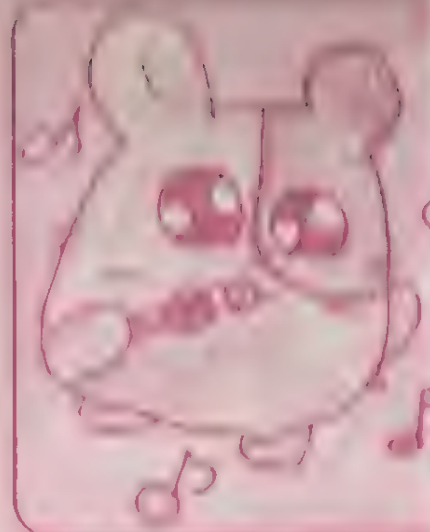


I want it!



The cloth was soft like the tissues
and cotton in my house, so I
decided to take it home.





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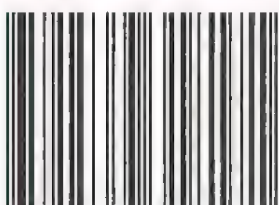
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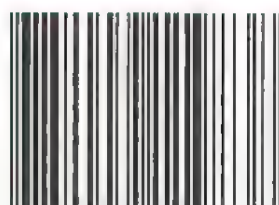
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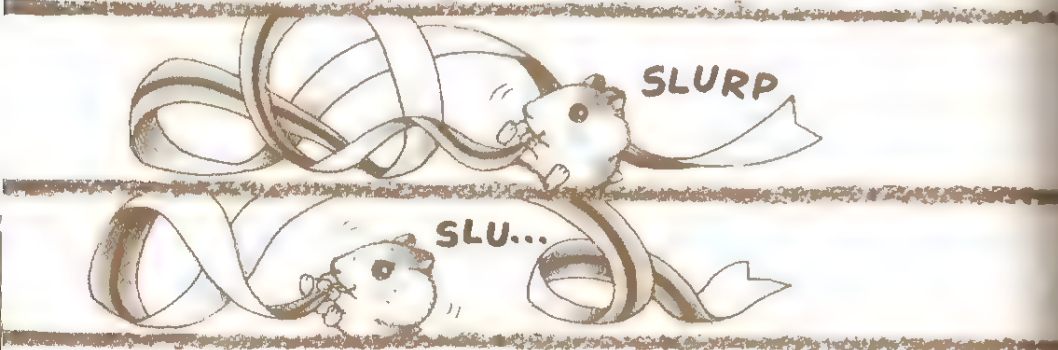
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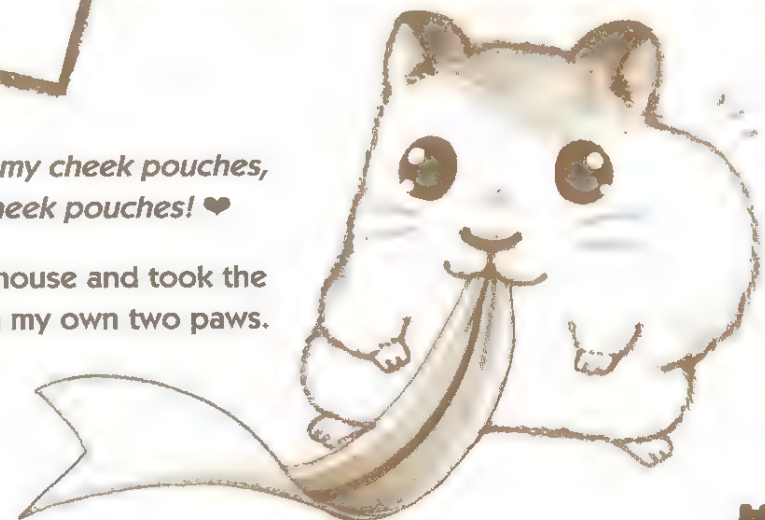
The cloth was longer than I thought. Before I knew it, my cheeks were full!

I heard Yukari's voice behind me. She pulled on the end of my cloth. But I wouldn't let her take it away from me!



What goes in my cheek pouches, stays in my cheek pouches! ♥

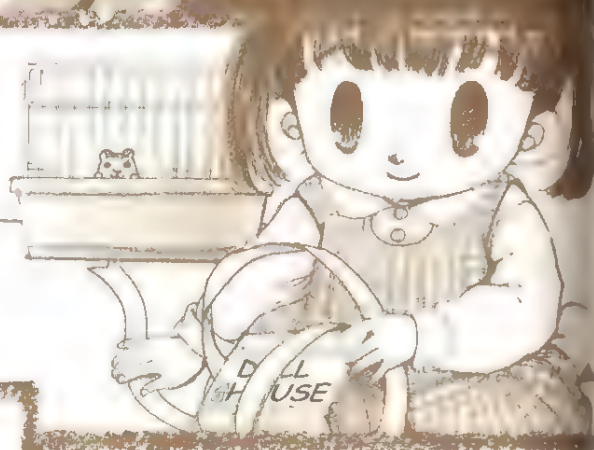
I went to my house and took the cloth out with my own two paws.





I lay down on the cloth. I wished Yukari could see my soft, pretty, new bed!

The next day, Yukari woke up much earlier than usual. "Santa came last night," she shrieked. "And he brought me a present!"



Who is this "Santa" guy?
And where's my present?♥



HAMTARO!
TURN
AROUND!

Who, me?
I have
nothing to
do with it!





We hamsters can fit a lot of food inside our cheek pouches. We don't digest the food there, though, so we can carry it around for a long time. Don't we look cute with our faces all puffed out?




I HAVEN'T EATEN IT...YET!



Hamtaro Gets Lost



The day after Santa's visit, I faced my biggest danger yet...



I was taking my usual scamper around the room, when I found a huge bag...

The bag was full of interesting things! I went inside to take a closer look. Every time I took a step, the bag rustled. I liked that! I liked it so much, that I followed the rustling sounds farther and farther into the bag....

RUSTLE
RUSTLE

I was having so much fun, I lost track of the time. And I got all dirty. Finally, I was tired of playing in the bag. I was ready to come out.

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

But the entrance to the bag was closed!

RUSTLE

I could hear Yukari's voice on the other side of the bag. It sounded like she was looking for me.

I didn't want Yukari to see how dirty I was, so I hid.

MAMA!
I CAN'T FIND
HAMTARO
ANYWHERE!

I held very still so she wouldn't see me. Then I tried to think of a plan to get out of the bag on my own.

All that thinking made me sleepy....

The next thing I knew, the bag was shaking! But I felt safe in the dark center of the bag, so I stayed put.

BUSTLE
BUSTLE



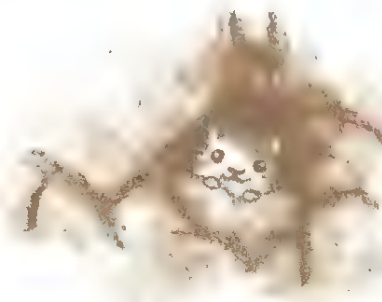
Has Yukari given up looking for me?

I shouldn't have hidden in the bag when she called me!

Maybe she wanted to give me a treat!

Or maybe she wanted to play with me!

HAM-
TARO!





I knew Yukari wouldn't give up on me! She's been looking all this time!

That gave me the strength to dig my way out.

At last, I saw Yukari's face on the other side of the bag.

"I'm sorry, Hamtarō," she said.



"I had no idea you were in there!"

I didn't understand Yukari's words. But then...

...even though I was so dirty, Yukari gently picked me up and held me to her face.

"I'm so glad I found you, Hamtarō!"

I was safe at last....



Yukari didn't care about my dirty fur, but I washed myself from top to bottom anyway.



AND UP...



...



...AND UP...



...UP...



...



Go, Go, Hamtaro! 3



! CAN'T GET DOWN...



We hamsters love to explore every tunnel we find—even ones that go up! So don't let your hamster climb up and fall down! ♥



QUIZ #1:

How many hamsters can you find in and around the Ham-Ham House? Count them all!



The answers to Quiz #1, #2, #3 and #4 are on page 61.









QUIZ #4

Where is Hamtaro?

Hint: Make sure his markings match exactly!

QUIZ #2

Where is this present hidden?



QUIZ #3

How many hamsters are sleeping?

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

◆ Quiz #1: 110 hamsters

◆ Quiz #2



◆ Quiz #3: 4 hamsters



◆ Quiz #4



Cold Wave

When it gets cold, I spend a lot of time in my house.

If I get hungry, I just eat the sunflower seeds I've hidden in my bed. Nothing in the world can tempt me to go outside!



Even when Yukari calls, "Hamtaro!" I don't budge.

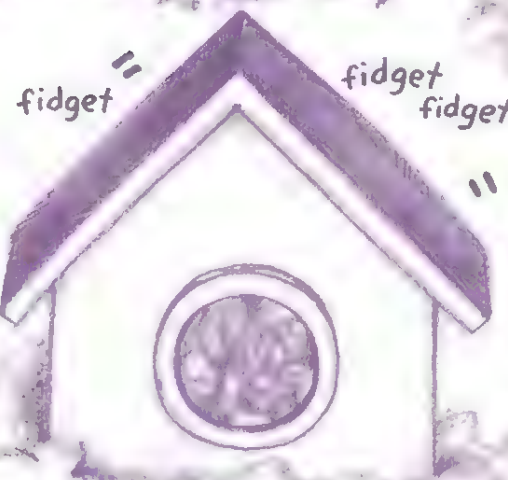
I cover my door to keep out drafts. I can't see Yukari then. And she can't see me.

But she has nothing to worry about. I'm fine inside.



But after a while, I have to go out of my house.

I really have to go!



While I'm out, I'll stash some snacks in my cheeks.

I poked out my nose and took a sniff.



Still cold! Just as I thought!

If I go out, my warm bed will get cold. But I really, really have to go!

HIF

"



I knew it! It's freezing!



I'm going back to my warm bed!

TICKY-TICKY

"



That's better! But...why did I go outside in the first place? Didn't I have some important business to take care of?



HIF
HIF

"



SSSS



I remembered my important business was to pee!

TICKY-TICKY

"



It's not very cozy when my bed is wet.



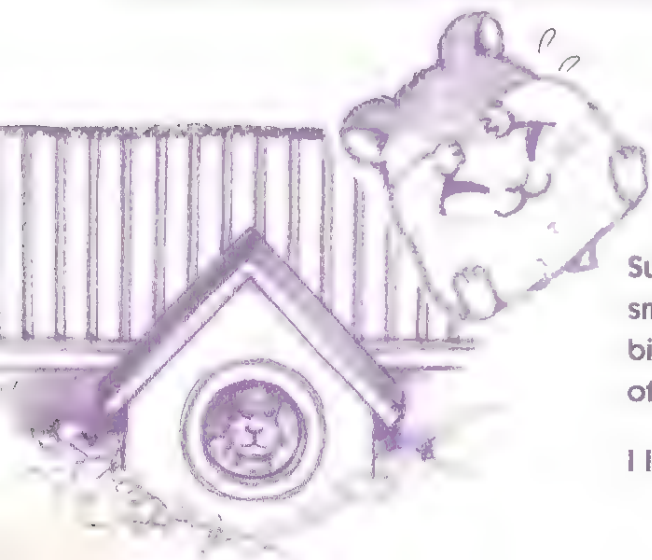


*Now I have to warm
up my bed again.*

Finally my bed was warm.

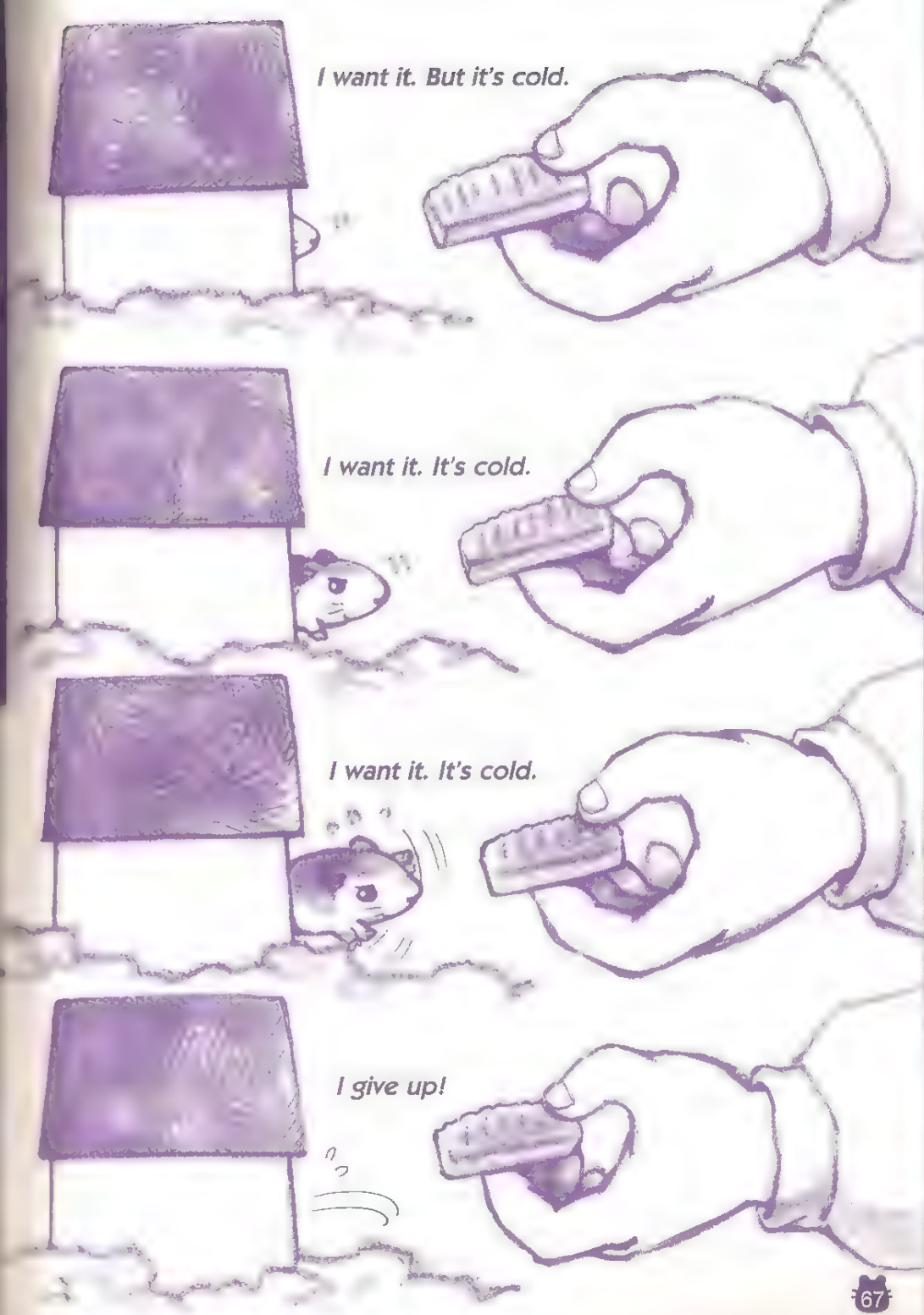
But then I heard Yukari calling, "Hamtaro!"

Why can't she leave me alone? It's like the North Pole out there!



Suddenly, a wonderful
smell drifted in. A hamster
biscuit! I stuck out the tip
of my nose.

I love biscuits!



tee
heeYOU'RE SO SILLY,
HAMTARO!

I poked my head out
just far enough to
eat my biscuit. Yukari
thought that was
very funny.

schmubby
wubby

I must have seemed
lazy to her.



But I just don't like
to leave my bed
when it's cold!

Because my bed
is warm!



We hamsters don't handle
extreme temperatures well.
We hate heat and we hate
cold. The heat of summer
makes us tired, and the cold
of winter makes us sleepy.
So be sure to keep our room
a comfortable temperature,
in between hot and cold!





Krmpkrmp Trouble!

But when I gnaw on the wrong things, I get into trouble!

One day, I was playing on top of Yukari's desk. She left me alone for a minute, and I gnawed on the paper in front of me.

PACKA-PACKA

My teeth are growing all the time. I have to do a lot of gnawing to wear them down so they don't get too long.



I was happily gnawing away when I heard Yukari yell,
"Stop that, Hamtaro!!"

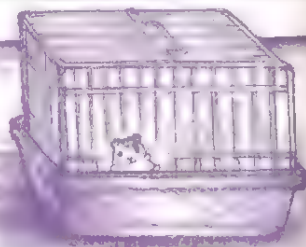
She yanked the paper away from me.

I was covered with paper snow.



"That's my diary!" shouted Yukari.

She put me back in my cage and
cleaned up.



SNIFF

HOW COULD
YOU DO THAT,
HAMTARO?

I guess that paper
I gnawed on was
important to Yukari.

How can I tell what's important to Yukari and what isn't?

I've gnawed on a lot of other things that Yukari hasn't noticed yet....



KRMP
KRMP

Is she going to be mad at me when she finds out about them?



KRMP
KRMP

What if...



...Yukari never forgives me!!



That night, I went to sleep with a bad feeling.

The next day...

When I woke up, Yukari put a twig in my cage.



Is it all right for me to gnaw on this?



Yukari understands that I have to gnaw on something.

I can't remember what I gnawed on yesterday that upset her so much.

But now we're good friends again, just like before!

LET ME OUT!
LET ME OUT!
SOMEBODY LET
ME OUT OF
HERE!

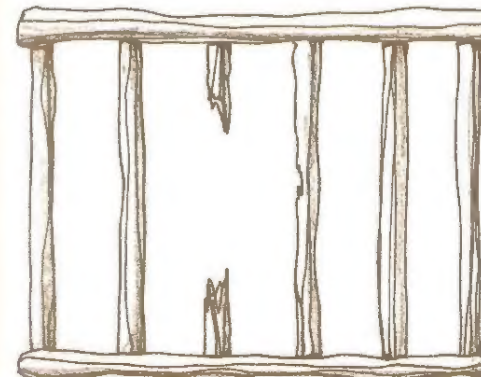


That made me
happy, so I gnawed
on her nose a little.
And that made
Yukari happy!



I'm proud of my strong teeth.
They can gnaw through just
about anything! Gnawing keeps
my teeth from getting too long.
But the truth is, it's fun to gnaw!

It's all so
complicated!



I LOVE TO GNAW!



Hamtaro's Bride

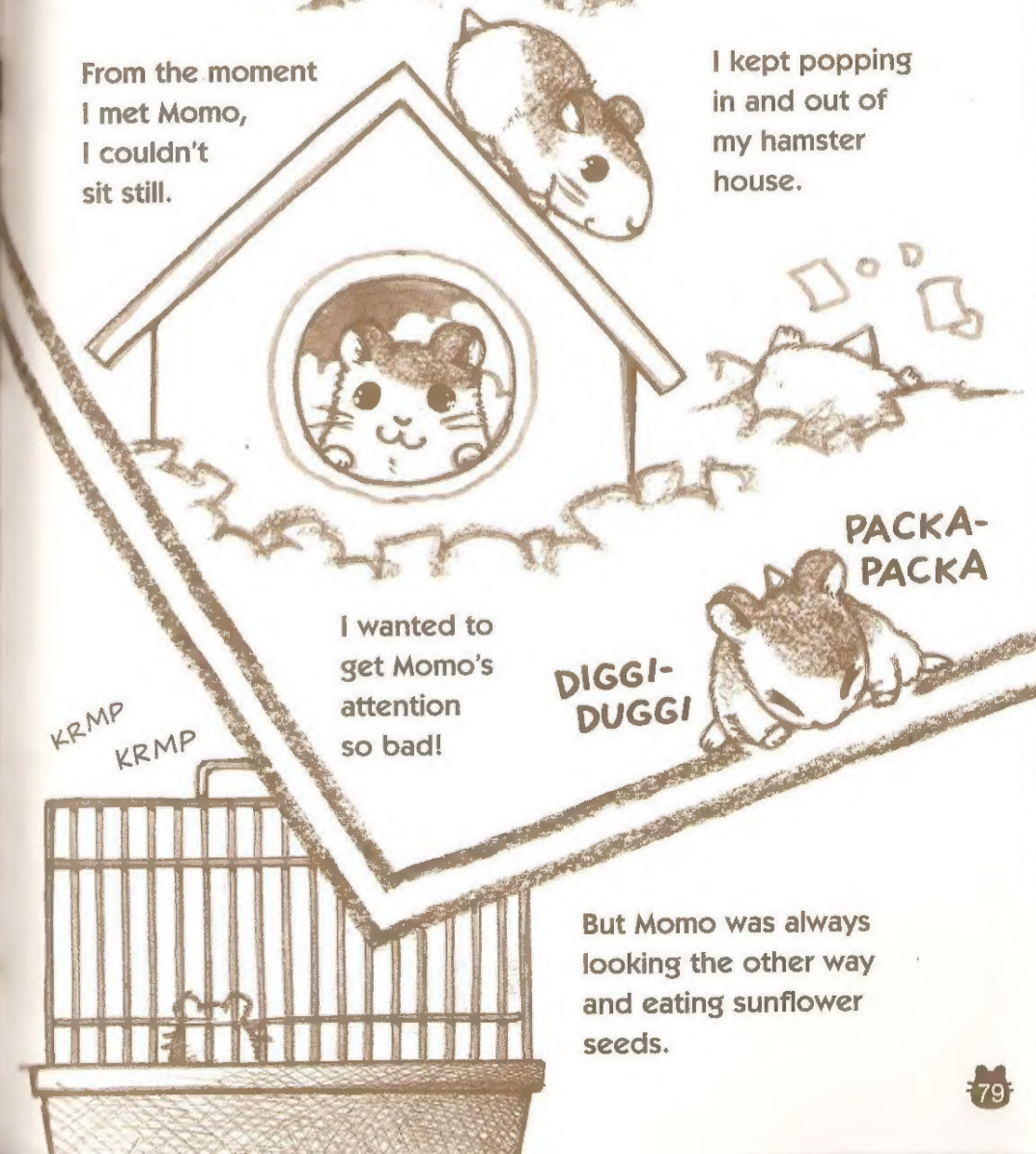
Yesterday,
a female
hamster
moved in
next door.

Momo is
white and
soft and
fluffy. She's
cute!



From the moment
I met Momo,
I couldn't
sit still.

I kept popping
in and out of
my hamster
house.



I wanted to
get Momo's
attention
so bad!

DIGGI-
DUGGI!

PACKA-
PACKA

But Momo was always
looking the other way
and eating sunflower
seeds.



That night, I
couldn't stand
it anymore, so
I sneaked out
of my cage.



CHICK-AH
CHICK-AH ...



I was closer
to Momo
than ever
before!♥



ookyoo

ookyoo

ookwee



THUD



Momo pushed
me away, so I
ran back to
my cage.

I tried to think of a way
to get close to Momo.

Why doesn't she like me?



All that thinking
made me sleepy....

I fell asleep and
dreamt about
Momo all night.

